

FRENCH OFFICER KILLS HIS WIFE

In Following the Army to Be Near Him but is Acquitted by Court Martial.

(By Associated Press.)
 PARIS, April 10.—Captain Jean Harlet, an officer in the French cavalry, was tried by court martial today for killing his wife at Compiègne last November, because she persisted in following the army to be near him in direct violation of orders issued by the military authorities and was acquitted.

When Captain Harlet was sent to the front his wife, to whom he was deeply attached, ascertained that he was stationed at Compiègne and went there to visit him. The French commander in chief had just issued a circular prohibiting all officers and soldiers from receiving their wives during the campaign. A superior officer remonstrated with Captain Harlet and though the captain endeavored to persuade his wife to return home she continued to postpone her departure. A second warning was given the captain with no better results and when a third warning came he was told he would be cashiered unless Madame Harlet immediately left. She refused to do so and the cavalry officer, fearing dishonor and degradation shot and killed the woman.

Seldom had a more pathetic scene been witnessed in a Paris court than that of today when Captain Harlet took the stand in his own defense. The soldier wept as he told of the great love which he bore for his wife and of how when she steadfastly refused to return home, and he believed that he would be cashiered, he became "absolutely mad" and was driven to the last extremity of killing his loved one.

The court room was crowded with women and officers and as Captain Harlet sobbed out his story many of them shed tears of sympathy.

SEWARD-FAIRBANKS

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der miles.

No Serious Grades.

It is from China that the proposed route to Fairbanks via Cordova contemplates the building of 310 miles of new railroad. The line would continue up the Copper river until the river swings to the west, then strike directly toward the Ivan Lake without serious grades to encounter. Beyond the lake the route lies close to the shores of the Tangle Lakes, that well deserve their name, until it emerges on the broad delta where rise the sources of the Tanana river up which the final stretch to Fairbanks would be laid.

This road forms the trunk line; but as feeder branches are contemplated to the Bering river, Matanuska and Susitna valley regions to open the vast coal supplies and other mineral resources, the total mileage of the proposed branches would be 420.

The two routes to the Bering river fields were suggested, one from Atka and the other to Lake Charlotte. It has been urged that the Katalina route would open the coal road to attack from open sea in case of war while the Lake Charlotte line, twelve miles inland, would be protected from ships' guns by intervening hills.

From Seward, on the west shore of Prince William sound, the Alaska Northern railroad leads through the hills to Kern creek, on the shore of Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet. The distance is seventy-one miles and the company now is operating only light gasoline cars most of the time, heavier equipment passing over the line only when mining machinery is to be moved inland. It was proposed to continue the line along Turnagain Arm for thirty miles, then swing northward up the east shore of Knik Arm crossing that inlet at its head and follow the Sugina valley to Chulitna Pass, emerging on the banks of the Chulitna river. Following the Chulitna to Brood Pass, the line would make a right angle to find its way via the canons of the Nenana river to the banks of the Tanana along which the final stretch to Fairbanks would lie.

Harbor Ice Closed.

It was suggested that during the summer months Knik Harbor on the east shore of Knik Arm would be an available terminal saving 115 miles of rail haul to and from Seward. The harbor is ice closed in winter while Seward and Cordova are both ice free roadsteads.

Cordova harbor, it had been reported, is more desirable for a terminal of the line because the great depth of water at Seward makes an anchorage difficult. The Seward route, however, was closer to the coal fields and to the known mineral belts than the Cordova line and it was argued that the route of the Copper river railroad made it subject to the moods of the glaciers among which it threads its way into the river mouth.

All reports looked to the eventual extension of the system to Yukon from Fairbanks and also discussed additional branch lines to tap other productive localities.

Probably the greatest tonnage for the system eventually will come from the coal mines of the Matanuska or Bering river regions. Whether the Bering field would supply suitable coal for navy use or not has been a matter of controversy for years. A report on navy tests made in 1912 was submitted to Congress last year which said that Bering coal was not suitable for the navy unless a higher grade of product was discovered when the deposits were explored for development.

Big Coal Consumption.

The coal consumption of the Pacific coast has been estimated at 1,500,000 tons annually, exclusive of the 150,000 tons or more that the navy will need each year.

What the government thinks of

Alaska is indicated by the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for a railway, or almost five times the \$7,200,000 which the United States paid Russia for Alaska.

From Alaskan territory gold bullion worth more than \$200,000,000 already has been produced—nearly thirty times the purchase price of Alaska—and the total of Alaskan resources in furs and fisheries as well as minerals probably now exceed \$500,000,000.

All government experts agree that the surface of the mineral deposits has hardly been scratched as yet. Gold mining has been confined to the coastal regions, easy of access. Transportation of machinery and supplies has been heretofore too difficult a problem in the interior to permit the working of any but fantastically rich placer deposits.

Only one of the many copper deposits has been more than prospectively mined. It is estimated that \$15,000,000 has been shipped from the territory. Alaska has a population of about 65,000, half of whom are white. Twenty thousand of these white pioneers are in the Central region through which the new trunk line will operate at the present indications that their number will be quadrupled before the whole line is in operation.

RUSSIAN

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were told that the position was of the greatest importance and their general said that in order to keep it they would sacrifice the division or the army corps of 100,000 men, if necessary.

The losses suffered by the Germans at Les Eparges during the last two months amount to 30,000 men.

Carry More Trenches.

"In the forest of Montmare we have carried another line of trenches and repulsed a counter attack. To the north of Reigneville we have consolidated and slightly extended our position."

"In Lorraine half a company which last night had rushed forward as far as the village of Bezange la Grande situated between our line and the German line, was surrounded by superior forces and captured."

RUSSIAN STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, April 10.—The following Russian official statement regarding the fighting in the eastern theater of the war was given out here tonight:

"To the west of the Niemen river at dawn on Friday we attacked the German positions between Kalwarya and Ludwinow and after a stubborn bayonet fight captured two lines of trenches. We took 900 prisoners, among whom were several officers."

"In the Carpathians in the direction of Mezolaboroz we took the offensive from positions near Carobolec and dislodged the enemy from Wirawa. At Voliamichova we captured No. 909 which means that the enemy has been driven back along the whole extent of the principal chain of the Carpathians in the region of our offensive."

Violent Counter Attacks.

In the direction of Rostoki the enemy received considerable reinforcements Thursday and made violent counter attacks. We repulsed them and captured 1,000 prisoners including twenty officers.

"Forcing their way through the snow more than seven feet deep our troops at several points approached within four miles of the Uzok valley. Near Rosochka and Rozakul the enemy made two attacks which were blocked. There is no change in the other sections of the front."

RUSSIANS CONTINUE ATTACKS WITH VIGOR

(By Associated Press.)

VENICE, via London, April 10.—Telegraphic advices from Budapest state that notwithstanding their recent losses in the Carpathians the Russians are continuing their attack with undiminished vigor. They are continually sending reinforcements to the firing line.

A heavy artillery engagement above Barfield is reported. After this battle the Russians attempted to storm the Austrian positions. The Russians are now exerting all their strength to force a passage through the Austrian lines in the western part of the Saros region in order to make a flank attack on the Austrian positions in the Malkowice valley.

Budapest newspapers admit that the Russians are achieving some successes but declare that they are comparatively small and by comparison with the enormous Russian losses they are unimportant.

RELIEF BOAT

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Two others are believed to have been saved by the American steamer, Ruby. Some of the survivors were badly wounded. The captain and first engineer are thought to have been drowned. Survivors say that they heard nothing but an explosion. The vessel sank in five minutes and there was no time to lower boats. The captain of the Elizabeth declares that he clearly saw the periscope of a submarine.

At an early hour this morning C. R. Bush and Roscoe Hickman the two men burned the worst in the gasoline explosion Friday evening were still living but it is not thought that they can last long. Glen Barrack and Pearl Davis who were burned at the same time were resting easier and it is thought that they will recover.

SERVICES FOR OWLS

All Owls are requested to meet at the Williams Hall, on Second street at 1:30 P. M. to attend services at the First M. E. Church, Sunday, April 12th. Bring your family and friends. Services at 2 o'clock.—Advertisement.

ELEVEN CAUGHT IN MIDNIGHT RAID

Deputy Sheriffs Spoil a "House Party" in a Baltimore Street Building.

Seven women and four men were arrested in rooms over the Hart Erosome Company's warehouse on Baltimore street, Glan Elk, Saturday night when without warning a squad of deputy sheriffs swooped down upon the place. One young man from Cumberland, Md., put up a light but was finally overpowered by two deputies who slipped a pair of steel bracelets over his wrist.

The entire party was escorted to the sheriff's office where after considerable parleying all except two young men from Cumberland managed to furnish bonds of \$50 and costs each for their appearance at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court. The Marylanders were locked up. They gave their names as J. Roy Cage and J. W. E. Root. The former had two pints of whiskey in his pockets when arrested and a charge of violating the prohibition law will be lodged against him in addition to the common charge against the crowd. The latter may also have to face the additional charge of resisting officers.

The others of the party gave their names to the sheriff as Mrs. McLaughlin, Ruhama Pullen, Blanche Rexroad, Mabel Hill, Marie Hill, Vida Simms and C. T. Brighton, all of Clarksburg, and Earl Jones, of Salem. Warrants for the place bearing names of John Doe occupants and charging unlawful assemblage were sworn out previous to the raid by Sheriff Ross F. Stout on information that had been lodged with him that a caucus had been carried on there nightly for some time. Officers watched the place all evening and swooped down upon it when it appeared that another caucus was on. Most of the women of the party were in dishabille when the officers broke into the place.

EXPULSION

Of a Publisher from Alliance on a Charge of Treachery to the Organization.

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, April 10.—The Polish National Alliance Tribunal of Three tonight adjudged Stanislaus Dangel, publisher of Cleveland, O., guilty of treachery and ordered his expulsion from the organization according to an announcement at the national headquarters of the alliance.

Dangel was charged with having printed stories charging the alliance officers with being paid agents of the Russian government.

The alliance is an organization of 150,000 members with its chief aim the establishment of an independent Poland.

It was reported at national headquarters that Antony Karabas, Pittsburg, supreme censor or national head of the alliance, had resigned and his resignation had been accepted.

UNDER ARREST

Again is the Former Provisional Governor of Lower California at San Diego.

(By Associated Press.)
 LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 10.—Baltasar Aviles, former provisional governor of Lower California, and Francisco Ayon, a member of his staff, who are awaiting trial on a charge of conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws of the United States, are again under arrest at San Diego, accused of intimidating government witnesses, according to information received by federal officials here today.

GENERAL STRIKE NOT LOOKED FOR

In the Labor Troubles at Syracuse, N. Y., by the Labor Leaders.

(By Associated Press.)
 SYRACUSE, Apr. 10.—Despite the failure of the Chicago conference to adjust the difficulty between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employes, labor leaders tonight did not consider the strike situation entirely hopeless. There was an air of decourment of feeling that a general strike might be averted. James M. Lynch, state commissioner of labor, held separate conferences today with representatives of the Empire United Railways and the Amalgamated Association. He said tonight that "the outlook was favorable." Strike votes will be taken in this city and in Buffalo Monday night, according to Magnus Sinclair, organizer of the Amalgamated Association. A virtually unanimous vote in favor of a strike here was predicted.

Justice William S. Andrews today denied the motion of the New York State Railways to vacate the injunction restraining the company from preventing the Auburn and Syracuse cars running over the state railway tracks in this city. No attempt, however, has yet been made to resume the Syracuse-Auburn traffic.

VILLIA RETREAT

Removes All Danger of an Early Attack by Forces on Border City.

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN ANTONIO, Apr. 10.—Carranza authorities in Nuevo Laredo announced tonight that all danger of an early Villa attack upon the border city had been removed by the retreat of Villa forces in that territory, according to advices tonight from Laredo. They based their statement on the reports of scouts who said not more than 500 of the enemy remained within twenty-five miles of Nuevo Laredo. General Rosalio Hernandez, with 800 Villa soldiers, was said to have moved to the south today after a brush with the Carranza forces under General Vincente Davila.

ITALIAN PRESS

Takes Up the Question of How Italy Might Abandon Attitude of Neutrality.

(By Associated Press.)
 ROME, via Paris, Apr. 10.—The Italian press has taken up the question of the condition under which Italy might abandon its attitude of neutrality and enter the war. Among the conditions they mention is a guarantee for the possession of the Italian province now held by Austria, supremacy in the Adriatic and a share in the partition of Turkey, enabling Italy to protect its interests in the eastern Mediterranean.

SMALLPOX

Epidemic Does Not Exist in Mexican City Declares Doctor on His Return.

(Special to the Telegram.)
 GALVESTON, Apr. 10.—There is no epidemic of smallpox at Progresso, Mexico, according to Dr. L. B. Cook, assistant state quarantine officer of this port, who returned today from Progresso and Merida, Mexico. Dr. Cook went to the Mexican town to investigate reports of the epidemic. He said there were only two smallpox cases at Progresso when he left there, and those were properly isolated.

Dr. Cook added that while he was in Merida a Chinaman, two Germans and eight Frenchmen were imprisoned there. He could not learn why.

BANKERS ARRESTED.

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, Ky., April 10.—W. B. Catkins and McCall Fitzgerald, former president and cashier respectively of the First National Bank, of London, closed by order of the comptroller of the currency, were arrested here today upon federal warrants charging false entries, false reports and misappropriation of bank funds.

RAIN FALLS

And Thus Are the Forest Fires in Parts of Kentucky Checked.

(By Associated Press.)
 LEXINGTON, Ky., April 10.—The rain that fell throughout the day and tonight aided in checking the forest fire in the mountains of eastern and southern Kentucky, according to a report received here.

The fires are believed to be under control in Pulaski county, according to the report, but in Pike county the glare of the flames is visible for miles despite the rain.

DEPUTIES BREAK UP SUPPOSED CRAP GAME

Eight Negroes Are Nabbed in Traders Alley Room but One Gets Away.

Eight negroes were taken into custody today by a squad of deputy sheriffs when the latter made a raid upon an alleged gambling resort in the old fire department building in Traders alley late Saturday night. One of the prisoners, Ernest Palmer, broke away from the officers as they were marching the victims to jail, but he is being shadowed and will likely be arrested within a day or two.

Warrants for the occupants of the place had been sworn out in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court by Sheriff Ross F. Stout earlier in the night upon information given him that a big crap game was going on there nightly. When the officers got into the place they found no gambling devices of any sort there but tables in the rooms gave indications, they said, that a game had been in progress.

Those arrested in addition to Palmer gave their names as Ernest Marshall, Morris Hampton, William Johnson, Wallace Henry, Joseph Johnson, Samuel Burns and William Jacobs. After being taken to the jail, Sheriff Stout released all under personal recognizances to appear Monday for hearings in Magistrate Carter's court. If none are present officers will round them up.

MRS. MERRICK

Schoolmate of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln Dies in the City of Baltimore.

(Special to the Telegram.)
 BALTIMORE, Apr. 10.—Mrs. Mary W. Merrick, 93 years old, widow of Judge William Merrick of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, died tonight at Pikesville, near here.

She was a daughter of the late Governor Charles A. Wickliffe of Kentucky, and a schoolmate of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. Among the nephews and nieces who survive are United States Senator J. C. Beckham, of Kentucky, and Mrs. Sherman Mills, wife of Lieutenant Mills, military attache at Petrograd.

SHOT TO DEATH.

PINEWOOD, S. C., April 10.—Joel Green, a negro desperado, was shot to death by a posse today after he had been freed in a swamp near here by bloodhounds. He was armed with a shotgun, two pistols, a knife and wore a steel breastplate.

CUMMINS AMENDMENT IS UNDER DISCUSSION

TO ATTACK MONTEREY.

(By Associated Press.)
 SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 10.—Two large bodies of Carranza troops are within thirty miles of Monterey and intend to attack that city, according to a message received from Monterey tonight. Two thousand men are said to be on their way to Monterey to defend it against the Carranza attack.

NO FIGHTING

Between the Villa and Obregon Forces as Villa Remains at Irapuato.

(By Associated Press.)
 EL PASO, April 10.—No further fighting was reported today between the Villa and Obregon forces which clashed this week between Irapuato and Queretaro. Villa remained at Irapuato preparing to attempt to dislodge the Carranza troops from Celaya, the report said.

Re-enforcements for the Villa army were being sent from several points along the railroad line from Juarez south as well as extra supplies of ammunition and foodstuffs.

EUREKA LOAN

Agent Who is Accused of Converting \$100,000 to Own Use is under Arrest.

LANCASTER, O., April 10.—Word was received here today that George W. Moss, an attorney and loan agent for the Eureka Savings and Loan Company of this city, who is charged with having converted to his own use almost \$100,000 belonging to the savings company and his clients, is under arrest in Lancaster, Wis. Sheriff E. W. Schagner left tonight for Wisconsin to arrange for Moss's return to Ohio.

Moss disappeared on March 29 last.

FOUND IS FATAL.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 10.—J. C. Robbins, state penitentiary guard, wounded near Pinewood by Joel Green, a negro, whom he was trailing with bloodhounds, died here tonight.

CONSUL IN FIGHT.

(By Associated Press.) DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 10.—Despatches from Nogales, Ariz., tonight said Frederick Simplic, United States consul at Nogales, Sonora, was slightly bruised in a struggle with two Mexicans he caught searching the files of his consular correspondence. Simplic captured one of the med. One escaped and according to Simplic some state department documents are missing.

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PERMIT INCREASE OF TEN PER CENT IN FREIGHT RATES.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Increase of certain freight rates and modifications of the present form of bills of lading were proposed by railroad representatives while a six-month test under present conditions was the counter proposal of traffic associations at a conference today called by the Interstate Commerce Commission to discover how carriers and shippers viewed changed obligations arising from the Cummins amendment to the railroad act.

The amendment becomes effective June 3. The commission itself is understood not to be entirely clear as to its effect and today's conference was called to learn whether there is a common ground on which the railroads the shippers and the commission can reach an adjustment.

After discussion that lasted all day Commissioner Clark adjourned the conference but gave all parties permission to file briefs before April 20. Under present bills of lading limited liability the carriers undertake the transportation of freight at the rates now in effect. Their tariff, however, provides that where the shipper demands full liability there shall be an automatic increase in the freight rates of ten per cent. The carriers held today that when the Cummins amendment prohibiting limitations of liability becomes effective they may automatically increase their freight rates ten per cent.

This contention was not accepted by the traffic association representatives who declare that the intent merely was to increase the liability of the roads, not to bring about any increase in freight rates.

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